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THIS IS MACK'S OPEN SEASON FOR BUYING

Connie Gets Good Results by Using Nonselling Policy as Threat Against Indifferent Playing—Won't Even Trade Athletes

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Lake Charles, La., March 11.

CONNIE MACK was not talking through his brown derby nor was he orating just for vocal exercise when he announced some time ago that he never again would trade or sell any of his ball players to another big league club for more money than the waiver price.

The slender sultan evidently had been engaged in deep and strenuous thought before he spilled the startling news. He had been annoyed by the lackadaisical temperaments exposed by his ball players during the championship season, and figured the only way to improve conditions was to bind them hand and foot to the ball club and not part with any of them until they became unfit for further service under the Big Top.

For five seasons the Athletics have been firmly entrenched in eighth place. This was made possible because there were but eight teams in the league. His athletes being eighth place players, trotting out on the diamond to receive a beating instead of giving one. Their aggressiveness could be compared to that of a senescent snail, and you know how ferocious those animals are when seasick.

But there always was something to look forward to from the players' viewpoint. If they played bum baseball and clearly showed their dislike for local conditions, there was a chance of being traded to some other club.

It is said that some of them even went so far as to lay down on the job in the hopes that Connie would not despise and attach the official title. Players on other ball clubs used to ask why they stuck with such a terrible organization, and many utterances were made to the star performers.

Players Were Dissatisfied ALL of this made it almost impossible for Mack to get a good, hard-playing, fighting ball club on the field. When he had first-class material the players—that is, some of the players—did not play the game of which they were capable, and the losing streak continued.

For a time last season it looked as if Scott Perry would be sold to the White Sox. Gleason offered \$25,000 and a couple of players for the star pitcher, and of course Perry heard about it. Then, when the deal fell through, Scott said to have been disgusted and jumped the club.

Things like that will not happen this year. Both big leagues have passed a rule prohibiting tampering with players and a fine of \$10,000 will be inflicted on the guilty parties. This will help local conditions, and, with this "no trade" edict, the players must make the best of their lot, play as well as they can and exert some real efforts to hoist the team out of the cellar.

The Jim Johnson case was a good example. Jim and Connie had an argument over the figures on Jim's contract and neither side gave in. Connie, in the olden days, probably would have tried to sell or trade the pitcher to another ball club, but instead, asked waivers on him. Had he been claimed Mack would have received \$25,000.

AS IT turned out, nobody wanted him and Connie has given Johnson permission to negotiate with any club he wants to.

Members "Skipped" ALL of the players down here are acquainted with the facts of the Johnson case and realize they will be in the same predicament if they kick out on the traces. The ball club will benefit by it, and from now on there will be some regular, fighting, big league performances put up by each and every one on the team.

Connie has perpetrated some sensational deals and parted with more good players than any other manager in the business. The Federal League war caused him to dispose of Collins, Baker, Baker, Plank, Bender, Coombs, Eddie Murphy and the late Jack Lapp, and the approaching world war, accompanied by a desire to get some ready cash, was responsible for the sale of Strunk, Bush, Schang and Stuff McInnis to Boston. He always was ready to negotiate a trade, like the one which sent Larry Gardner to Cleveland for Bobby Roth.

However, Connie now admits he made a mistake when he let Gardner go. He surely would be a big help to the ball club now.

Connie's first big deal was put over in 1917, when he took Jimmy Collins from Boston. Jimmy had a long term contract calling for \$8,500 a year, then the highest salary paid in the American League. It seems strange that Connie once paid more money to a ball player than any other manager in the league, but such was the case.

Mack also went out in the open market once upon a time and purchased a pitcher named Lefty Russell for \$12,000. This looked like a good investment, but the only thing against it was that Lefty turned out to be a flopper and Connie was cured. He did all of the selling thereafter.

"BUT my views have changed," says Connie. "Now I am not selling or trading players, but I am a player who can make good on the league and I will put no more money as any one for his services. I am buying this year."

Downey Knocks Out Mullen in 4th Round. Mullen, 115 lbs., of Columbus, knocked out Ed Mullen, 115 lbs., of Memphis, in the fourth round of a scheduled boxing bout on Wednesday night. The men are middleweights.

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The Philadelphia Cricket Club will move from its site at St. Martins. Club members have voted to purchase a 350-acre tract for a golf course near Flourtown, between Bethlehem Pike and Stenton avenue. Work will be commenced immediately on an eighteen-hole course. Later the course will be extended to thirty-six holes and a clubhouse will be erected. The league on the present golf course expires in 1924. The club property at St. Martins will probably be sold and the proceeds used to help pay for the new one. The club will make every effort to increase its lawn tennis equipment, which now is considered so good that the women's national championship is held at the club. The proposed site for the new clubhouse and grounds is nearly four miles northwest of the present location. It is readily accessible by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Reading Railway.

Red Smith Released to Vernon Jacksonville, March 11.—Manager Hughson of the Yankees announced the release of "Red" Smith, former third baseman of the Braves, to Vernon as part of the Muesel deal. The recruit beat the regular yesterday, 3 to 1, in a seven-inning game. Carl Muesel, on the losing side, The Yankees and the Cincinnati Reds are to play an exhibition game at Palm Beach March 17.

Pitcher Herbst Has the Flu Hot Springs, Ark., March 11.—With the exception of Pitcher Frank Herbst, all with influenza, the Pittsburgh Pirates went their first real inning of the year. Herb is hobbling about on a sprained ankle.

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A.'S FRISKY; SUN BEAMS ON EFFORTS

No More Rain, and It's Almost Warm—Team Splits Up for Tours Monday

Lake Charles, La., March 11.—There are indications now that the attack of bad weather that has ruined Lake Charles as a training place has spent its force and that there will be better outdoor conditions in the future. It has stopped raining and the mercury has shot higher. The Athletics hope to be able to play the Texaco team. The gasoline boys have been here two days waiting for a chance to play and they were induced to stay over another day.

Next Monday the Athletic squad will be split into two teams. Team A will go to Texas towns to start a long series with the Cardinals and Team B will play in Lake Charles and nearby. Mack announced the make-up of the team that will battle for a period of two weeks with the National League of St. Louis.

The players selected follow: Pitchers—Perry, Naylor, Kinney, Rommel, Bigbee and Pierson; catchers, Perkins and Myatt; infielders, Griffin, Dugan, Galloway and Brazil; outfielders, C. Walker, Strunk and Burns; utility, Wirt.

These selections are significant, for it reflects the names of the Athletics who are umpires. In Mack's mind, Mack said he would stand pat on his team for the trip with the exception that he might shift battery men back and forth from the some of the pitchers and catchers did some light work on the sidelines yesterday afternoon the Athletics have not been in uniform since Sunday afternoon, as a result their training advancement has seriously been retarded. This is a blow to Connie Mack, who says that conditions here have been worse than at any time in his career.

The players are by no means fit for real baseball. Pitchers and catchers say their arms have stiffened as a result of the idleness and that they will have to start all over again when the weather clears. It is fortunate for the Athletics that they have few beefy men. The majority of the players are young and have little superfluous flesh.

If it is clear today the players will be out for a hard practice in the morning and then mix up with Texaco in the afternoon. Mack said he would take advantage of every ray of sunlight from now on.

When Police Details Fail Carpenter Disperses Mob

Paris, March 11.—An announcement that the religious marriage ceremony for Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight pugilist, and Mile. Georgette Laurentia Elisse would be celebrated at a Paris church on Tuesday proved to be an error.

Crowds blocked the street, and finally the police details requested Carpentier, and his bride, who still marriage took place in the City Hall on Monday, to appear and disperse the throng. This they did. Later Carpentier said the date for the church wedding had not been set.

TWO GAMES FOR ALL-STARS

Scholastic Players to Meet Reading and Allentown Fives Up-State

Once more the Philadelphia All-Scholastic basketball team will go up state, this time meeting Reading High and Allentown Prep, in an effort to add two more victories to their string.

"Marty" Polloff's team will meet Reading tomorrow night in the Reading Armory, and from there will travel to Allentown for a game Saturday.

Captain "Tommy" O'Brien and "Bunny" Freeman will hold down the forward posts, with "Bill" Leopold at center, and "Ben" Dessen and "Alto" Goldstein will be the guards.

Frazer Admits Red Sox for Sale Boston, March 11.—Harry H. Frazer, president of the Red Sox, has cleared decks for introducing his independence to Joseph J. Frazee, former owner of the club, in that Frazee is now in a position to entertain offers for the club from Matt Hinkle, the Holland brothers or anybody else willing to meet Frazee's price for the franchise.

Adams, Former Phil, Sold to Seattle Jack Adams, who last season was featuring catcher for the Phillies, has been purchased by the Seattle club, of the Pacific Coast League.

It was a straight deal for Adams, no other players are involved. Adams came to this city in 1913 from the New York Giants. He was in the deal for \$20,000, which also brought Al Demaree and Mike Lamm to the city in exchange for Hans Lobert.

Boston A. A. Wins Hockey Boston, March 11.—The Boston A. A. A. association hockey team squandered most of its strength in a 4-1 victory over the month-long club team at the Cambridge ice rink last night. Goals were scored by individual rather than team play.

Bob Martin Stops Jack Riley Kalamazoo, Mich., March 11.—Bob Martin, heavyweight champion of the A. P. C., scored a technical knockout over Jack Riley, Round 10, of Fort Wayne, in the first round of their scheduled ten-round battle last night.

QUAKERS SWAMP YALE FIVE, 44-16

Sweeney and Rosenstn Score Almost at Will Against Eli Passers

New Haven, Conn., March 11.—The University of Pennsylvania by winning last night's game, 44 points to 16 against Yale, scored nearly three times as many points as Yale. Their closest rivals for the intercollegiate championship, which is already assured them.

The Quaker defense prevented the Elis from rallying more than one basket from the floor in the first half, which closed with Pennsylvania ahead 27 to 5. During the game Sweeney, of Quaker Town, romped ahead of Captain VanSlyck, of Yale, who lead the league as individual scorer by four points when play began. Sweeney registered twenty points to VanSlyck's ten last night. Pennsylvania's faultless team made every member of the quintet appear a star, although Rosenstn's goal tossing was the most spectacular.

Gonzales Completes Giants' Squad San Antonio, March 11.—Arrival of Stuart Gonzalez, former pitcher of the New York Giants' family, in a practice game yesterday, will make it a complete team. He is Jim Cooney and Ben Kelly, who were home this for the juniors. Kelly is showing encouraging form at third base.

Child Beats Pro at Golf Pinehurst, N. C., March 11.—Forbes Wilcox, 17-year-old, defeated the professional, Charles H. Sargent, in a 9-hole match, 4 and 1.

Carson to Lead Yale on Ice New Haven, Conn., March 11.—Robert Carson, of Newburgh, last night was elected captain of the Yale hockey team. He succeeds David S. Ingalls, of Cleveland, former naval aviator.

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Aided by Fist on Chin, He Makes Fine High Dives

Detroit, Mich., March 11.—Eddie Fitzsimmons, New York, defeated Johnny Sheppard, lightweight champion of England, in a ten-round bout here last night. The English champion was severely punished in the latter rounds, being knocked down five times in the eighth round and twice in the ninth. Tommy Robson, Malden, Mass., outfought Joe Chip, of New Castle, Pa., in ten rounds. Matt Brock, of Cleveland, knocked out Babe Penco, of Chicago, in the third round.

PENN DATES CHANGED First Game With Chicago Five on March 25

Dates for the Chicago-Penn national championship basketball series have shifted, and, according to the latest arrangements, the first contest will be played at Chicago March 22 and the second here March 25.

Weightman Hall will be the scene of the championship series, according to Major M. J. Pickering. The scale of prizes and date of seat sale have been virtually agreed upon and will be announced shortly.

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